



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1094

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN
RELATIVE CAREGIVERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-114 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) No child in the custody of the Commissioner of Children and
4 Families shall be placed with any person, unless such person is
5 licensed by the department for that purpose. Any person licensed by
6 the department to accept placement of a child is deemed to be licensed
7 to accept placement as a foster family or prospective adoptive family.
8 The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
9 provisions of chapter 54, to establish the licensing procedures and
10 standards. The commissioner may grant a waiver, on a case-by-case
11 basis, from any such procedure or standard, except any safety
12 standard, based on the needs and best interests of a child. Any criminal
13 records check conducted by the commissioner shall be a criminal
14 records check requested from the State Police Bureau of Identification
15 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this
17 section, the commissioner may place a child with a relative who is not
18 licensed for a period of up to [forty-five] ninety days when such
19 placement is in the best interests of the child, provided a satisfactory

20 home visit is conducted, a basic assessment of the family is completed
21 and such relative attests that such relative and any adult living within
22 the household have not been convicted of a crime or arrested for a
23 felony against a person, for injury or risk of injury to or impairing the
24 morals of a child, or for the possession, use or sale of a controlled
25 substance. [Placements with a relative beyond such forty-five-day
26 period shall be subject to certification by the commissioner.] Any such
27 relative who accepts placement of a child in excess of such ninety-day
28 period shall be subject to certification by the commissioner, except that
29 on or after July 1, 2001, any such relative who was not certified prior to
30 July 1, 2001, shall be subject to licensure under the provisions of
31 subsection (a) of this section. The commissioner shall adopt
32 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
33 establish certification procedures and standards for a caretaker who is
34 a relative of such child.

35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the third sentence in subsection (b) of section 1, (1) the phrase "subject to certification" was substituted for "certified" for accuracy and clarity, and (2) the phrase "subject to licensure" was substituted for "licensed" for accuracy and clarity.

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